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SUBJECT: STUDENT UNREST

1. FIGHTING AMONG SOME 75 STUDENTS BROKE OUT MARCH 16 AT AU
ECON AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY AS SOME OF THESE STUDENTS
SOUGHT TAKE EXAMINATIONS, DESPITE CONTINUING BOYCOTT OF EXAMS
BY STUDENT MAJORITY. BOYCOTTING MILITANTS PURSUED WOULD-BE
EXAM TAKERS OFF CAMPUS WHERE POLICE (TNP) INTERVENED. SOME
OF THOSE PURSUED WENT ON TO NEARBY BOOKSHOP, REPORTEDLY
SPECIALIZING IN LEFTIST LITERATURE, AND SCATTERED BOOKS ABOUT.
ELEVEN STUDENTS WERE DETAINED BY TNP.

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2. WHATEVER THE ULTIMATE INSTIGATION OF THE BOYCOTT AT AU'S ECON
AND COMMERCIAL FACULTY, WHICH NOW ENTERING ITS THIRD MONTH, THE
STATED ISSUES ALL ACADEMICALLY RELATED. (UNTIL WITHDRAWAL OF
POLICE FROM AU CAMPUSES FEB. 27 (IZMIR 61), REMOVAL OF POLICE
ALSO HAD BEEN EMPHASIZED AMONG STUDENT DEMANDS, BUT BOYCOTTING
NONETHELESS CONTINUED THEREAFTER AT THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER AU
FACULTIES AND ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS; AT REQUEST OF ECON AND COM-
MERCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY DEAN, POLICE WERE REINTRODUCED LAST
WEEK AT THAT FACULTY.) OUR IMPRESSION OF STUDENT ATTITUDES AT
ECON AND COMMERCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY ARE THAT THERE ARE RELATIVELY
SMALL NUMBER OF LEFTIST ACTIVISTS (PERHAPS 5 PERCENT) WHO ARE
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AGITATIONG STUDENTS TO BOYCOTT FOR ACADEMIC REFORMS, SUPPORTED

IN VARYING DEGREES OF INTENSITY BY PERHAPS 40-50 PERCENT OF THE OTHERS. UPWARDS OF ANOTHER 40 PERCENT COMPRISED OF STUDENTS WHO PASSIVELY SHARE CRITICISM OF SCHOOL CONDITIONS OR ARE APATHETIC BUT WOULD RETURN TO CLASSES AND/OR EXAMS WERE IT NOT FOR FEAR OF RETRIBUTION (INCLUDING PHYSICAL THREAT) BY BOYCOTTING ACTIVISTS. LASTLY, THERE ARE SOME 5 PERCENT WHO ARE PREPARED RISK PHYSICAL ENCOUNTERS TO BREACH THE EXAM BOYCOTT; THESE TEND BE RIGHTIST IN POLITICAL ORIENTATION. MOFFETT

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